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Over $42-million investment made for green infrastructure projects in unincorporated areas (07/08/14)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - An investment of over $42 million in water, wastewater and other infrastructure improvements will be made in New Brunswick's unincorporated areas. In total, 20 projects will receive funding under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-Up fund.

The announcement was made today by Local Government Minister Victor Boudreau and federal Veterans Affairs Minister Greg Thompson.

"This funding will address a number of immediate needs for infrastructure upgrades across the province, and will better determine future infrastructure development through a series of engineering studies," Boudreau said. "Wherever possible, emphasis is being placed on a regional approach so that funding support can be maximized in unincorporated areas."

Funding will support infrastructure projects related to water, wastewater, community-energy systems, solid-waste management, public transit, capacity building, and active transportation, including roads and bridges where it can be demonstrated that they will contribute to environmental and community sustainability. A needs assessment was undertaken by the Department of Local Government in consultation with other agencies to identify priority projects throughout the province.

"The Government of Canada is working in partnership with the province of New Brunswick to address current and future infrastructure needs," Thompson said. "This important investment will help meet environmental infrastructure needs in unincorporated areas in New Brunswick, while acting on our government's commitment to provide Canadians with an improved quality of life." He spoke on behalf of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Minister Lawrence Cannon.

The Government of Canada is providing a total of $116 million over five years to New Brunswick through the Gas Tax Fund, and the province is adding $30 million in top-up funding. In total, $146-million will be invested in New Brunswick communities from 2005 to 2010 for investment in environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure.

Funding for community public transit is one component of the partnership investments the

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Government of Canada is making in infrastructure. Through its $33-billion Building Canada plan, the government will provide long-term, stable and predictable funding to help meet infrastructure needs across Canada. Building Canada will support a stronger, safer and better country through infrastructure projects that support cleaner air and water, a stronger economy, and a better quality of life for communities.

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The following projects received funding under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-Up Fund.

- Chemin Saint-Simon and Caraquet: extension of water and services from Caraquet to 177 residences that have problems with salt water intrusion.
- Allardville wastewater system upgrade and extension: upgrade of wastewater treatment plant that is currently at capacity, and hooking up new users.
- Chateau Heights in McLeod Hill (Esty's Bridge local service district) water system: provision of a water supply and distribution system to improve water quality.
- Spring Garden: upgrade of a wastewater collection and treatment system.
- Scoudouc local service district: greater Shediac sewerage commission to expand wastewater collection to additional homes currently on septic systems, to eliminate septic systems.
- Pointe-du-Chêne local service disrict: study to find solution to flooding and well water contamination.
- Penobsquis, regional water supply (Part 1): supply a secure, new, protected water supply source to serve Cardwell local service district. Improved water quantity and quality.
- Penobsquis, water supply extension (Part 2): extend the Penobsquis water supply to connect additional residents.
- Willow Grove (Ben Lomond Estates): replace wastewater trickling filter.
- Havelock local service district: construction of a wastewater collection and treatment system to serve the Havelock central core.
- Point La Nim local service district and Dalhousie: replacement of 100-year-old water-distribution pipe.
- Pont Landry and Six Roads local service districts: construction of a collection system to connect to the Tracadie-Sheila wastewater system.
- John Street (McLeod local service district): new wastewater system to replace inadequate system.
- Robertville, Beresford and Dunlop local service districts: construction of a wastewater system to replace an inadequate system and private septic tanks.
- St. Margarets local service district water commission: repairs to the reservoir and development of a back-up well.
- Shediac and Pointe-du-Chene local service districts: replacement of wastewater pipes.
- Scoudouc local service district industrial park: build direct access to Highway 15 for the industrial park, reducing distance and gas usage.

- Gilles subdivision (Lincoln local service district): construction of a wastewater treatment system.
- Salmon Rock subdivision (Nerepis, Westfield local service district): replace water distribution system, installation of a new well, well house, reservoir and hydrants. Improve drinking water quality.
- Birchwood Estates subdivision (Hanwell local service district): repairs to the water distribution system to improve water quality.

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